

WASHINGTON



In reply refer to
DC

December 9, 1949

SECRET

My dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

The arrangements contained in your letter of October 12, 1949, are entirely satisfactory to the Department of State. This support on the part of the Central Intelligence Agency in providing the radio outlet base and suitable equipment where needed will make it possible for the Foreign Service posts concerned to maintain a continued flow of traffic during emergencies which involve interruption of normal communication channels.

At present, the radio stations at the posts concerned, with the exception of [] are active stations and pass regular post business on a day-to-day basis through contact with military facilities at []. Operating personnel are part of the Service Attaches' complement at each location. In establishing the alternate emergency outlet, it is desired that the present active circuits continue in force and shift from working [] [] during emergency situations. Additional information from the field is required, however, before the best working arrangements can be determined.

Accordingly, we are informing the field of the proposed emergency arrangements and, at the same time, requesting that they submit particulars of existing facilities, such as; (a) types and amount of equipment on hand, (b) frequency range, (c) operating personnel and (d) recommendations for additional equipment or changes in present local installations deemed necessary to effect a smooth

Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter,
Director of Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington 25, D.C.

SECRET

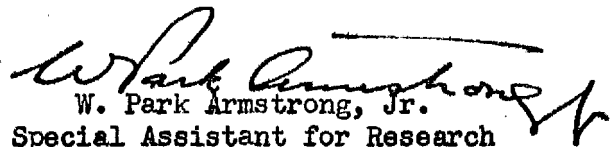
State Dept. review completed

SECRET

-2-

a smooth change-over to emergency plans. When this information is received, the Department's Division of Communications and Records will approach the Central Intelligence Agency Communications Office to work out the details of this project.

Sincerely yours,


W. Park Armstrong, Jr.
Special Assistant for Research
and Intelligence

SECRET